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(57) Abstract: Procedure for the decontamination of a food liquid from one or more chemical and/or biological contaminants, based on the contact of said liquid with at least a biocompatible membrane, to which antibodies specific for said contaminants are covalently bound.

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1. Claims: 1-8

Membrane for decontamination of liquid foods consisting of a biocompatible polymer in the form of woven or non-woven fabric and antibodies specific for the contaminants, said antibodies being covalently linked to said membrane.

2. Claims: 9-22

Decontamination process of liquid foods comprising contacting said foods with a membrane consisting of a biocompatible polymer and antibodies specific for the contaminants, wherein said antibodies are covalently linked to said membrane.

3. Claims: 23-26

Use of membranes of nylon, cellulose, polyesters, polyacrylates, their derivatives or mixtures thereof and antibodies specific for the contaminants, said antibodies being covalently linked to said membranes, for the decontamination of liquid foods.

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